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1. Peder Furubotn, former leader of the second center within the Norwegian Communist Party (NKP), visited the village of Etne, just outside of Stavanger, during the middle of July 1950.
2. While in Etne, Furubotn met secretly with certain NKP representatives from the districts of Sandnes, Egersund, and Haugesund. These meetings took place in the home of Ragnvald Mauritzen with whom Furubotn was staying.
3. Ragnvald Mauritzen is a former prominent member of the NKP in Stavanger. During the German occupation of Norway Mauritzen was active in the Norwegian underground, editing several illegal newspapers, using the name "Magne". In the autumn of 1943, "Magne" was a study and propaganda leader, and a member of the Central Committee of the NKP. When the central leadership of the Party in Valdres was broken up by the German authorities in June 1944, "Magne" was one of those arrested. In 1948 Mauritzen was chairman of the NKP in Rogaland district. At the Rogaland NKP conference of 28 and 29 January 1950, Mauritzen was expelled from the NKP.

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